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**Personnel Security Bulletin #10-04**  
**Subject: FIN #10-04, CVS Enhancements for Reciprocity**

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**Subject:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has released CVS version 2.0, now renamed the **Central Verification System (CVS)**.

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**Effective Date:** April 5, 2010

**Scope and Effect:** This is an internal advisory document for use by USDA personnel involved in implementing USDA's personnel security program.

**Supersession:** None.

**Background:** CVS is a critical tool for information sharing among agencies and provides a basis for broader reciprocity across the Federal Government. CVS contains information on security clearances, investigations, suitability and fitness determinations, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) Personal Identification Verification (PIV) credentials, and polygraph data.

**New Procedure:** On March 18, 2010, OPM released FIN #10-04 titled "Enhancements to the Central Verification System (CVS) for Reciprocity". Formerly named the "Clearance" Verification System, the new **Central Verification System** better represents the scope of the information contained in the system.

The enhancements include new data fields to support the expanding application of reciprocity rules to Federal Government vetting determinations relating to credentialing determinations under HSPD-12, suitability or fitness for Federal employment, fitness for contractor employees, and eligibility for access to classified information.

Users will notice redesigned screens that offer greater functionality and accessibility. A new user's guide for CVS 2.0 is available through the library in OPM's Secure Portal.

Agencies are responsible for practicing reciprocity. CVS will be checked to determine if an existing investigation and favorable adjudication exists that can be reciprocally accepted based on the individual's current position designation.

Security officers and adjudicators that do not have access to CVS should complete the INV-70B and return it to PDSD as soon as possible. Users must be U.S. citizens and have a minimum investigation of an ANACI or NACLC. OPM regulations and policies state that Suitability Adjudicators must have a minimum BI level investigation to perform their duties. This exceeds the investigation requirement for CVS.

Further Information: All FIN's are located in the Library section of OPM's Secure Portal.

A copy of the FIN and the INV-70B form is attached.

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